AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and Ilstings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:

wherein R₁ is a group of the formula

wherein R_{50} , R_{51} , R_{52} , and R_{53} are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogens, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or different than one another, R_7 and R_8 are hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or chains having the formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} H & H & H & H \\ C & C & O & C & C & O \\ H & Q & H & Q & H \end{pmatrix}$$

wherein j is an integer from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain, wherein Z is NH, and wherein n is an integer that is at least 39.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 having the formula

wherein at least one of $\ensuremath{R_7}$ and $\ensuremath{R_8}$ comprises a chain having the formula

7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 having the formula

wherein at least one of R7 and R8 comprises a chain having the formula

8-67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula

wherein n is an integer that is at least 17, R_{50} , R_{51} , R_{52} and R_{53} are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or different from one another; and wherein at least one of R_7 and R_8 comprises a chain having the formula

$$\begin{pmatrix}
H & H & H & H \\
C & C & O & & C & C & OH \\
H & (Q, H) & H & (Q, H)
\end{pmatrix}$$

wherein j is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

69. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula

wherein n is an Integer that is at least-17, and wherein at least one of R_7 and R_8 comprises a chain having the formula

wherein j is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

70. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 68 wherein j is at least 1.

- (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 69 wherein j is at least 1.
- (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 68 wherein Q is methyl.
- (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 69 wherein Q is methyl.